

CITYWIDE



RESIDENTIAL HOUSING

Location: Citywide
Threat: Availability of Residential Housing

Housing for permanent residents is in increasingly short supply as units, whole houses, and entire complexes are transformed for use by transients. To maximize income, developers convert existing units and build new ones for short-term rentals and high-priced private student housing. Developers and second-home buyers frequently outbid local homebuyers. Historic neighborhoods are particularly at risk due to their popularity. The loss of long-term residents curtails the transmission of local culture, and even when the architecture survives the transformation, the generational personal connections of community are broken when transient rentals displace locals.

HISTORIC DISTRICTS



HDLC / VCC COMMISSIONS

Location: Historic Districts
Threat: Overturning Commission Decisions



The Historic District Landmarks Commission (HDLC) and the Vieux Carré Commission (VCC) are responsible for the preservation, protection, and regulation of the distinct architectural and historic character of the city's designated historic districts. Staff recommendations are based on professional expertise. The City Council's frequent overturning of decisions made by the HDLC and VCC undermines the professionalism, authority, and ultimate goals of the commissions. Supporting the expert analyses and rulings of the commissions is paramount to retaining the historic integrity of our city.

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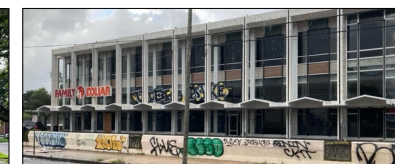
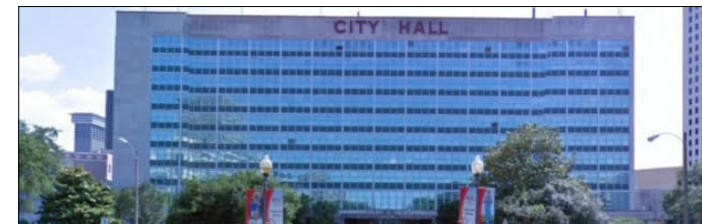
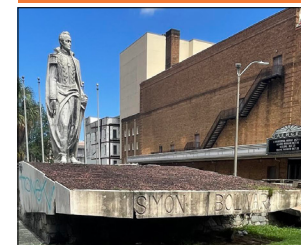
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New Orleans' most endangered sites 2023



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TREMÉ



LOUIS ARMSTRONG PARK

Location: 701 N Rampart Street
Threat: Insensitive Redevelopment

Louis Armstrong Park, named for New Orleans' world revered native son, is home to several historically and culturally significant buildings and sites, including Congo Square—crucial in African American history and essential to the creation of jazz and popular music. As plans advance to develop a world-class cultural center within the 32-acre park, the City and the community must stay vigilant to ensure that the entirety of the site remains in public domain while reflecting the community's vision, and is redeveloped with sensitivity and respect for the past.

DOWNTOWN/TREMÉ



GARDEN OF THE AMERICAS

Location: Basin Street Neutral Ground
Threat: Loss of Green Space

The "Garden of the Americas" was developed in 1957 on the Basin Street neutral ground to honor New Orleans' economic and cultural ties to South America. From Canal to St. Louis Street, the Garden features several monuments. While the failure to maintain the Garden and Simon Bolivar Plaza has long been a civic embarrassment the site is now endangered by New Orleans Regional Transit Authority's selection of the neutral ground for a new transit corridor bus terminal instead of choosing less impactful alternatives such as the Union Passenger Terminal.

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT



CITY HALL

Location: 1300 Perdido Street
Threat: Prime Location of City Hall

City Hall was erected in 1957 in the administration of Mayor deLesseps "Chep" Morrison, whose master plan for a new civic complex included a modern City Hall with public plaza, a library, state courthouse, and state office building located on the newly widened Loyola Avenue. The Mid-Century Modern-style façade of green-tinted windows set in a modular grid with aluminum louvers reflected the city's post-WWII optimism. Despite the building's architectural and cultural significance, recent administrations have shown little interest in preserving the building, while exploring relocation options—leaving the potential for demolition very real.

VIEUX CARRÉ



MADAME JOHN'S LEGACY

Location: 632 Dumaine Street
Threat: Insensitive Alterations

Madame John's is one of the Vieux Carré's oldest structures, dating to 1788 or earlier. It is a prime example of 18th-century Louisiana Creole architecture, and one of Louisiana's most significant National Historic Landmarks. Having survived the Fire of 1794, this treasure faces a new threat: controversial plans for significant, inappropriate design changes. Until the 1990s, the VCC had input over state-owned buildings—but no more. Although the Louisiana Division of Administration Facility Planning has oversight, and despite guidance from the State Historic Preservation Office and the Louisiana State Museum's independent consultant, the contractor is moving forward.

ALGIERS POINT



INTERSTATE TRUST & BANKING CO.

Location: 644 Bouny Street
Threat: Demolition by Neglect

This long-vacant, architecturally significant bank building is sited on a viable commercial corridor in Algiers Point. The solid brick structure, however, suffers from effects of water intrusion through the damaged slate roof; from wood rot; and from damage caused by rodents, termites, and the overgrowth of vines along the entablature. In addition, the original bay windows have been removed from the entrance façade. The restoration and rehabilitation of the building would enhance the historic neighborhood of Algiers Point.

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ADOLPH MAZUREAU HOUSE

Location: 1016 St. Louis Street
Threat: Demolition by Neglect

In 1831, prominent notary Adolph Mazureau commissioned Daniel Twogood, builder of Julia Row, to construct this complex on the edge of today's French Quarter. This finely-designed Federal-style townhouse with its pilastered carriageway entrance, service wing, and stable, has both charmed and dismayed admirers for decades. Owned since 1909 by Mercier Realty, this landmark and other Mercier holdings have been allowed to deteriorate, soliciting frequent citations by the Vieux Carré Commission.

MID-CITY



MID-CENTURY MODERN

Location: 2650 Canal Street
Threat: Overall Neglect

Designated as a local landmark, this former bank is a Mid-Century Modern commercial building designed in 1966 by architects Parham and Labouisse in the New Formalism style, a rare building type in traditional New Orleans. The exterior has missing or incongruous marble elements and is covered with graffiti on the building façade and perimeter wall. Once an important contributor to the Mid-City neighborhood, the landmarked building now presents a neglected and forlorn appearance that blights the prominent corner of Canal and North Broad Streets.